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1. PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR COLUMN (MAY 12) DISCUSSES SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AFRICA TRIP IN NETATIVE TERMS, SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS SOVIET COVERAGE OF THE VISIT. THE ARTICLE, BY MIKHAIL ZENOVICH AND ENTITLED "THE GULF REMAINS," FOCUSES ON SKEPTICAL AFRICAN REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S LUSAKA SPEECH.

2. THE COMMENTARY SAYS THAT THE SECRETARY'S TEN-POINT PROGRAM CALLS FOR MAJORITY RULE, HOWEVER, IT ALSO ENCOMPASSES CHANGE ONLY BY "PEACEFUL MEANS," WHICH ALLEGEDLY SIGNIFIED WASHINGTON'S REFUSLA TO PROVIDE MILITARY AID TO LIBERATION FIGHTERS. THE U.S. ATTITUDE ON ANGOLA SHOWS THE TRUE U.S. ATTITUDE ABOUT NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLES, SAYS ZENOVICH, CITING THE AFRICAN PRESS. FURTHERMORE, HE

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CONTINUES, THE U.S. HAS NOT DISPELLED FEARS THAT ARMS

SENT TO ISRAEL WILL BE PROVIDE TO SOUTH AFRICA IN
OPPOSITION TO THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE. THUS, ZENOVICH
CONCLUDES, THE DOUBTS ABOUT U.S. POLICY REMAIN.

3. COMMENT: THIS ITEM IS A FURTHER SOVIET EFFORT TO
DISPARAGE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT BY
REPEATING DOUBTS THAT U.S. INTENTIONS AND IMPLYING THAT
NOTHING HAS CHANGED. IT DOES NOT DWELL ON THE ECONOMIC
POINTS, AS KUDRYATSEV DID EARLIER (REFTEL, BUT RATHER
IN THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF U.S. POLICIES AND PRACTICES
WITH AFRICAN LIBERATION REQUIREMENTS. STOESSEL

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